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TURKS LOSE ARMY CORPS TO RUSSIANS IN ERZERUM

One Hundred Thousand Ottoman and German Troops Surrender To Soldiers of White Czar When City Yields To Slavs

FORTRESS CALLED KEY TO ALL OF ASIA MINOR

Experts in Europe Believe Military and Political Effects of Capture Will Make Great Difference in the Near East

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
LONDON, February 18.—The capture of Erzerum by the Slavs, which was officially announced at Petrograd yesterday, has been confirmed with additional details. An immense amount of booty fell into the hands of the Russians with the fall of the Turkish city, and more than one hundred thousand Ottoman and German prisoners were taken when the town surrendered. One thousand cannons were also seized, together with large quantities of military supplies and ammunition.

Ends First Stage
The capture of Erzerum ends the first stage in the sensational campaign which the Russians have been waging in the Trans-Caucasus region against the German-trained and German-commanded army of the Ottoman empire. The men pitted against the Slav commanders were of the pick of the Turkish army, reinforced by the departure of the allies from the Gallipoli, and the veterans who have been fighting the Russians ever since the latter landed on Turkish soil.

The campaign, which led up to the fall of the city, was a brilliant one, full of military strokes that showed a marked superiority of the part of the Russians over the defenders, and their officers. The Slavs in order to avoid the necessity of a direct, or frontal attack encircled the city some weeks ago, and about the first of this month drove the Turks and their Teutonic allies back over a front more than forty miles wide.

City Encircled
That was upon February 1, and was the beginning of the end for the Ottoman in Erzerum. With Russians to the north of the city and Russians to the south, and their lines of communications hopelessly involved there remained but one thing for them to do, retire to the city with its enormous fortifications and resist as long as possible.

In London and Paris and Rome the fall of the Turkish city was hailed with delight. Newspapers and military critics today are dwelling upon the importance of the fall of the place, which it is called the "key to Asia Minor," in both a political and a military sense.

French Seize Bridge
In other sections of the war there have been events of minor consequences when compared with the success of the Russians. The French are reported to have occupied all of the Vardar bridge, leading from Serbian Macedonia into Greece. The Greeks have occupied the Vardar from Toppa to the mouth near Salonika.

La Patrie says that news has come from Florida to the effect that the Greeks in the neighborhood of Monastir, Serbia, are being pillaged and their money stolen by the Bulgarians. Many have departed for Sofia for refuge.

FREE SUGAR CLAUSE REPEAL COMING SOON

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 18.—The bill providing for the repeal of the free sugar clause of the Underwood tariff bill is expected to pass both houses of congress before the first of May, according to statements made by leaders of both parties here last night. Congressmen Keating and Hilliard have denounced the proposed measure as a repudiation of the doctrines of the Democratic party.

BISHOPS OF ENGLAND DENOUNCE REPRISALS

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
LONDON, February 18.—The convocation of bishops of the Church of England here last night adopted a formal resolution protesting against the German aerial raids. The convocation declared that it is opposed to such methods of warfare as cowardly and un-English, and added that it objects to the murder of helpless non-combatants by men out of harm's way.

Wind and Water Rush Over Many Parts of Europe

North Sea Coast of Germany and Ports of France and Holland Devastated

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
PARIS, February 18.—Reports from the German coast of the North Sea declare that Hamburg has been suffering severely from the recent gales, which had swept all over Northern Europe, and that hundreds of persons in the Teutonic port, have been compelled to flee. A portion of the city is said to have been flooded.

The same storm has been devastating parts of France, and has damaged Paris and several of the minor cities of the provinces. Many shipwrecks are reported, and several persons have been killed here.

The wires are down in many sections of France and full details of the storm cannot be had at this time. Some of the rivers are out of their banks, and many houses in Paris have been unroofed.

In Holland the situation caused by the recent storms is reported as serious. Dykes are said to be breaking and Amsterdam last night announced that the outlook is critical.

TOKIO TRANSFERS MANY OFFICIALS

Acting Consul-General Arita Will Be Succeeded Here By Fokuro Mori

Tokio despatches to the local Japanese papers yesterday announce a number of changes in the diplomatic and consular service, affecting both the Honkoku and the San Francisco consulates. Mr. Arita, the present consul and acting consul-general for Japan here is to be succeeded by Fokuro Mori, who will arrive in Honolulu on March 25. Mr. Arita, who has made a host of friends among the residents of the Territory, is to be given a post in the foreign office at Tokyo.

The new consul-general, who has been secretary of the department of correspondence in the Japanese foreign office, will be succeeded in that post by Mr. Matsunaga, who was up to the declaration of war, the third secretary of the Japanese embassy at Vienna. Mr. Mori is forty-five years old and an experienced man in the diplomatic service. His station in Honolulu will bring to him his first service in the United States. He was the first secretary of the embassy at Berlin up to the outbreak of the war.

Manasao Hanahara, who has been chief of the telegraph section of the foreign office, has been named as consul-general for San Francisco, his place in the foreign office to be taken by the present consul-general, Mr. Nagai, the two officials changing places.

Mr. Hanahara was with the embassy to Washington. After returning to Japan he was sent to Mexico in the battle cruiser Izumo, which stopped here on its way to Mexico four years ago. At that time a reception was held aboard the warship and Mr. Hanahara met many Honoluluans then. He succeeds at San Francisco Acting Consul-General Y. Nishino, who passed through Honolulu recently, bound to Japan.

G. Inouye, a noted English scholar in Tokyo, has been named as chief of the translation bureau of the foreign office.

BRITISH CAN ACCOUNT FOR ONE AERIAL SHIP

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
LONDON, February 17.—Lord Kitchener announced in the house of commons today that the British had accounted for one Zeppelin the last raid the German fliers made upon England, and it is believed that two were shot down or so disabled they fell into the sea. It is said that it is impossible to secure absolute immunity from raids for England but that it can be made increasingly difficult and costly for the Germans. The Zeppelin which he said was accounted for was probably the L-19, wrecked in the North Sea.

MESOPOTAMIA LOSSES OF ALLIES ARE HEAVY

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
CONSTANTINOPLE, February 17.—It is officially reported that the losses sustained by one British expeditionary force in battle near Batina, Mesopotamia, amounted to 2000 officers and men. The Russians are said to have faced even more disastrously. They lost 5000 killed in three days in battles in the Caucasus region.

ART SMITH ON CHIYO MARU

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
TOKIO, February 18.—The twin Art Smith, is a passenger on board the T.K.K. liner Chiyō Maru.

TWO OFFICIALS IN ALLEGED NEUTRALITY VIOLATIONS

FRANZ BOPP, German Consul-General in San Francisco, and Eckhardt H. von Schack, German Vice-Consul, Against Whom Federal Grand Jury Has Returned Indictments in 'War Plots'



BRANDEIS IS EXTOLLED BY BOSTON ATTORNEY

But Another Lawyer of 'Hub' Brands Him Unscrupulous

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 18.—More conflicting testimony regarding the character and professional qualifications of Louis D. Brandeis, President Wilson's nominee for the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench, was heard yesterday by the sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee, which is conducting the hearing on the nomination. Appearing before the sub-committee, Sherman Leland Whipple, one of the most prominent attorneys of Boston, where he has practiced law since 1885, declared that Mr. Brandeis is a man of sincere and lofty ideals, upon which his mind is centered. He urged the confirmation of Mr. Brandeis as associate justice of the Supreme Court.

Moorefield Storey, a Boston attorney, charged that Brandeis had helped to wreck the New York & New England Railroad in 1893, as a result of which it was absorbed by the New Haven system.

He characterized Brandeis as a capable and energetic man, but said it necessary to advance his objects he would use unscrupulous methods, and could not be trusted.

SENATE HAS RECEIVED ALL DATA ON MEXICO

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 17.—All the state department's data with reference to the Mexican situation, including a vast mass of material which never has been made public, was transmitted to the senate today. The senatorial order printed as a public document. It had been expected that a portion would be withheld. In a letter accompanying the data, Secretary Lansing says that seventy-six Americans were killed in Mexico in the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, as against forty-seven for the three years preceding. In addition, twenty-six civilians and 16 soldiers, Americans, were killed on American soil in the same three years.

CAUCUS VOTES REPEAL OF FREE SUGAR CLAUSE

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 17.—By a vote of eighty-four to twenty in a caucus held today by Democratic members of the house, the repeal of the "free sugar" clause of the Underwood-Simmons tariff law was adopted as a party measure. The Democrats will now proceed to pass the Kitchin bill.

ANOTHER ROOSEVELT BABY

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
RICHMOND, Virginia, February 18.—A cablegram to this city from Buenos Aires last night announced the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt, who are in the South American city. This is the fifth grandchild of Colonel Roosevelt now has.

GEORGIA SENATOR OFFERS NEW ARMY INCREASE BILL

Measure Calls For Active Forces of 250,000 Soldiers

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 18.—Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia yesterday proposed an entirely new plan for an increased army. His bill, which he introduced in the senate, called for an army of 250,000 active soldiers.

He would enlist those for two years, and they would serve as reservists for four years. The measure provides that the training of the men as soldiers would include at least ninety-six hours monthly of scholastic or vocational teaching. Postmasters are to act as recruiting officers and the men would report to them once a year.

The bill was referred to the committee on military affairs.

BRITAIN ASKS RICH TO STOP JOY-RIDING

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
LONDON, February 18.—Denouncing the use of motorcycles and automobiles for pleasure purposes only, the government yesterday issued a statement calling upon the people of Great Britain to abandon this and other luxuries. The appeal concludes with the statement that it is impossible to ask the poor of the land to save their money for the good of the country, while the rich are enjoying every luxury.

KHEDIVE OF EGYPT SAID TO BE UNEASY

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
BERLIN, February 17.—A despatch to the Overseas News Agency from Cairo says that the Khedive of Egypt is much disconcerted with the present situation. The British, who control the government have offered the throne to Prince Yusuf, who declined it. A leader of Senussi says that he had information that the British are powerless to suppress the movement of rebellion.

GERMAN OFFICERS WILL RECEIVE PAY FROM FRANCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
PARIS, February 18.—The French war office last night announced that it has ordered the paymaster to pay the German officers imprisoned in this country the same sums that are paid to French officers on leave of absence. The statement adds that similar treatment has been accorded the French officers held by the Germans.

NAVAL COLLIER JUSTIN SOLD

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 18.—The United States collier Justin, which was condemned some time ago, and offered for sale, was bought yesterday by N. A. Bussey, Jr., of New York. Mr. Bussey is said to have paid \$301,107 for the ship, or more than she cost the government when new.

ELDER STATESMAN SAID TO BE DANGEROUSLY ILL

Emperor and Consort Soon Will Go To Unabi

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)
TOKIO, February 17.—Prince Yamagata, one of the elder statesmen, is seriously ill of bowel disease. He is more than eighty years old. His son, I. Yamagata, has returned to Tokyo from Korea.

Emperor Yoshihito and the Empress will leave Tokyo the end of March for Unabi, where is the tomb of Emperor Jimmu, first of the present dynasty. They will arrive at Unabi April 3.

The Japanese steamer Kagin Maru has been sunk in the Atlantic, according to a cablegram received here today.

There were no further advices as to the loss of the Kankon Maru. One vessel of this name was driven ashore at British Columbia last month, but there are several others.

WAR BETWEEN CHINESE AND KOREANS IMMINENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
PORTLAND, February 18.—Another oriental war is believed to have been started here last night when two members of the Hop Sing Tong were shot and seriously wounded. One of the injured men may die. Two men, probably members of the Hop Sing Tong, recently shot and killed a Korean in Seattle. It is believed here that last night's shooting was the outcome of the former affair, and will lead to more shooting.

EXPLOSION IN JAPANESE ARSENAL KILLS FOUR MEN

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)
TOKIO, February 17.—Four men are dead from an explosion which occurred in the naval arsenal at Yokosuka. Government officials are keeping details secret and the cause of the explosion is not known. It is thought that the present work at Yokosuka is filling large war orders for the Russian government.

LECTURE COURSE ON JAPAN IS PROPOSED FOR BERKELEY

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
SAN FRANCISCO, February 17.—California Japanese may unite to raise funds for a special lecture course on Japan to be given at the University of California. It is believed that such a course would bring a closer relationship between Americans and Japanese.

PARDONS FOR CRIMINALS

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
TOKIO, February 17.—Y. Ozaki, minister of law, has gone to Halyama palace to meet Emperor Yoshihito and talk over the pardoning of criminals, which is due in the coronation year of an Emperor, according to the Japanese custom.

SWEDEN CALLS ON U. S. TO PROTECT NEUTRAL TRADERS

Urges Pact Against Violation of International Laws On High Seas

WANTS GREAT BRITAIN BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT

Lansing Refuses Action Until Submarine Controversy With Germany Is Settled

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 18.—In a formal note to the United States which reached here yesterday afternoon, the government of Sweden asks America to join her in upholding the international laws relative to the proper protection of neutral commerce during war times. The note suggests that other neutrals would be brought to cooperate with the United States and Sweden if a vigorous policy of protection is adopted. The note also proposes definite action against Great Britain because of the seizure of mails and the detention of contraband cargoes.

GERMAN POLICY STIRS SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, February 17.—Secretary of State Lansing said this afternoon that the United States will accept nothing short of a full and complete agreement with Germany on the submarine controversy, an agreement which covers the points for which the United States has contended in the past, and which gives assurances for the future.

One issue between the United States and Germany seems near a close and another is being raised.

It is authoritatively stated that Secretary of State Lansing has accepted the draft of the Lusitania agreement, insofar as the latest note from Berlin relates specifically to the Lusitania. However, Mr. Lansing has asked Ambassador von Bernstorff for an assurance that Germany will not enforce her announced policy of sinking armed merchantmen without warning.

Both Germany and Austria have notified the United States that after March 1 they will sink merchant vessels carrying guns precisely as they would attack hostile warships, without notice. There is a technical question as to what constitutes defensive armament, particularly as relating to carrying guns, and this question is to be determined later.

It is authoritatively stated that Germany cannot accept the suggestion that warning be given armed merchantmen before they are torpedoed.

BRITAIN HAS NOT YET DENIED FOOD TO POLES

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
LONDON, February 18.—Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, speaking in the house of commons yesterday, contradicted the report that the British government had refused to allow the importation of food into Poland, having as yet not replied to the request that had been made in the name of those neutrals who are anxious to assist the starving Poles. The foreign secretary said that the Entente Powers would take up the request for consideration just as soon as the various "methods of spoliation being carried out by the Central Powers" are brought to an end.

SECOND LARGEST NAVY STILL A LONG WAY OFF

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 18.—Even if the present program for increasing the navy is carried out, the naval forces of the United States will still rank a poor third among the navies of the world, Capt. McKean Grant told the house naval affairs committee yesterday afternoon. "If we wish to have the second largest navy in the world," he said, "we must add to the present program very materially."

ARGENTINE WILL FORBID EXPORTATION OF SUGAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
BUENOS AYRES, February 18.—The government of Argentina late yesterday afternoon formally announced that it would, in future, forbid the exportation of any sugar grown in this country.

ORDER CRUISER TO CHINA

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.)
TOKIO, February 18.—The cruiser Kasagi has been ordered to proceed at once to Shanghai to protect the lives and interests of the Japanese.

BLIND RULER OF SERBIANS SENDS THANKS TO AMERICA

Tells the Associated Press of His Gratitude For Aid and Sympathy Given His Stricken Country By United States

KING AGED AND BROKEN BY MONTHS OF CONFLICT

Assured American People War Is But Last Outburst of Ancient Spirit of Feudalism Against Modern Love of Liberty

(Associated Press by Federal Wire.)
ADELPHOS ISLAND, Euboea, February 18.—The war between the Central Powers and the Allies is the last effort of feudalism to break down the constantly encroaching advances of freedom.

Such was the statement of old King Peter V, the infirm and almost blind monarch of ruined Serbia, to a correspondent for The Associated Press here yesterday. For one thing that the war has brought him he is thankful, added the fallen ruler. That one thing is the better understanding of the American spirit. To the people of the United States he sends his warmest thanks for their help and sympathy for his stricken country in its fight against disease and death.

Aged Monarch Ill
Although it was a constant effort of his will alone that enabled him to talk to the newspaperman, King Peter maintained a cheerful attitude throughout the interview, which lasted for more than an hour. Physically broken, he is, by his experiences of the last two years, and to all intents and purposes blind, but still bravely facing the future and declaring that he hopes and expects to live to see the ultimate victory of the Allies and the restoration of the Serbia he loves to its former place among the nations.

"The Americans have done so much for me and for my country," he said, "that I hardly know where to find the expressions for the heartfelt gratitude I feel towards your countrymen. It seems to me that Americans destined somehow, for they have been fed with lies about us, that Serbia's fight was a just fight, that we Serbs were and are animated by the same sacred fire that sent your forefathers out of the homes they had always known into the wilderness of a new and rough land, to gain the freedom their hearts desired."

Real Reason for War
"And yet, I doubt very much if the American people as a whole know the real reasons for this war; the underlying reasons, I mean, that are back of the economic ones—the state reasons, the selfish reasons on both sides. I wonder if Americans know that this war is the last futile outbreak of the feudalism from which their fathers fled, and against which their fathers struggled until they were free?"

"Yet, in its last analysis, that is just what this war is. It is the same fight that Washington and Lincoln fought, the same battle that sent La Fayette to America to help the colonies to battle for freedom. That battle started along the line of the River Danube, the dividing line between freedom, or the will for freedom and feudalism, or the complete, willing submission to authority, no matter what form that authority might take."

Border Land of Tyranny
"On the Danube feudalism and the love for freedom were too close. It has always been the case that these two principles can not live in harmony close to one another. They will conflict, and because of this this war was inevitable."

The King, in speaking of the over-running of his country by the Teutons, blamed no one, least of all his Allies or his people.

"I have no reproach for our Allies," he said. "They came to our assistance as fast as they could and it was not their fault that they came too late."

King Peter has no rancor in his heart against Bulgaria.

"I do not blame the Bulgars for the part they have taken. They are led by a man whose ambition it is to exercise a hegemony over all of the Balkan states. It is an ambition which possesses him as if from him it has spread to his people. It is an ambition, of course, but in a sense they are blameless. They have but played their game as they saw it."

But for Greece and the Greeks, King Peter has no forgiveness.
"They have left undone their solemn duty to their friends," he said. "The German wife of their king has govern-

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